

**PARISH OF CONCORDIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Concordia is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	14,398	2,683,516
1960	20,467	3,257,022
1970	22,578	3,644,637
1980	22,981	4,205,900
1990	20,828	4,219,973
1991	20,964	4,251,560
1992	20,582	4,287,195
1993	20,308	4,295,477
1994	20,688	4,315,085
1995	20,782	4,339,352
1996	20,770	4,350,579
1997	20,748	4,351,769
1998	21,310	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Concordia are as follows:

YEAR	CLAYTON	FERRIDAY	RIDGECREST	VIDALIA
1960	882	4,563		4,313
1970	1,103	5,239	1,076	5,538
1980	1,204	4,472	895	5,936
1990	917	4,111	804	4,953
1991	933	4,111	841	4,946
1992	921	4,111	838	4,963
1993	926	4,111	843	4,986
1994	926	4,111	868	4,990
1995	926	4,111	850	4,990
1996	926	4,125	848	5,005
1997	926	4,125	848	5,005
1998	926	4,222	868	4,980

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$11,048	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,765	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,427	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$12,991	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$14,391	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$14,721	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$15,622	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,511	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Concordia Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$71,660	\$13,802	\$7,888	\$8,180	\$2,614	\$18,455
1992	\$76,338	\$13,451	\$8,787	\$9,904	\$3,367	\$19,786
1993	\$79,631	\$13,339	\$9,205	\$10,679	\$3,475	\$20,743
1994	\$133,252	\$36,841	\$13,940	\$16,044	\$4,545	\$27,430
1995	\$140,850	\$32,933	\$14,930	\$18,576	\$4,898	\$31,166
1996	\$148,046	\$36,723	\$13,441	\$19,899	\$5,391	\$33,839
1997	\$156,477	\$37,014	\$13,853	\$18,626	\$6,389	\$34,632

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Concordia as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
CONCORDIA PARISH	3.25		3.25	4	7.25
FERRIDAY	2.25	1.75	4	4	8
VIDALIA	2.25	1.5	3.75	4	7.75

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$13,525	\$11,953	\$12,756	\$14,050	\$13,142
February	\$9,255	\$10,592	\$12,165	\$11,949	\$11,145
March	\$8,538	\$10,632	\$11,617	\$10,280	\$10,730
April	\$11,820	\$14,639	\$13,082	\$13,211	\$13,361
May	\$10,955	\$11,675	\$11,905	\$11,495	\$12,863
June	\$10,351	\$10,938	\$11,265	\$13,334	\$11,871
July	\$11,526	\$15,739	\$13,291	\$13,439	\$14,267
August	\$11,523	\$11,596	\$11,407	\$11,669	\$12,318
September	\$11,303	\$11,566	\$12,426	\$12,133	\$11,740
October	\$12,404	\$6,958	\$12,576	\$12,753	\$12,264
November	\$10,436	\$12,263	\$12,004	\$12,028	\$12,320
December	\$11,863	\$11,843	\$11,221	\$11,663	\$10,596
Annual Total	\$133,499	\$140,396	\$145,717	\$148,003	\$146,616

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Concordia is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$39,192,070	\$19,096,140	\$58,288,210
1991	\$38,975,570	\$19,183,220	\$58,158,790
1992	\$39,631,720	\$19,213,650	\$58,845,370
1993	\$39,555,350	\$19,243,590	\$58,798,940
1994	\$41,542,070	\$19,515,350	\$61,057,420
1995	\$42,239,530	\$19,791,320	\$62,030,850
1996	\$46,848,460	\$20,633,520	\$67,481,980
1997	\$52,444,800	\$20,886,490	\$73,331,290
1998	\$63,732,180	\$21,305,150	\$85,037,330

Source: Concordia Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$39,138,900	\$11,579,100	\$7,570,210
1991	\$39,485,750	\$11,003,390	\$7,669,650
1992	\$39,581,620	\$11,987,620	\$7,276,130
1993	\$39,573,790	\$12,141,380	\$7,083,770
1994	\$39,490,600	\$14,532,940	\$7,033,880
1995	\$40,041,410	\$15,239,730	\$6,749,710
1996	\$41,832,360	\$18,538,030	\$7,111,590
1997	\$43,014,700	\$23,216,750	\$7,099,840
1998	\$48,351,810	\$30,006,950	\$6,678,570

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Concordia follows:

Year	Millage
1990	61.05
1991	59.55
1992	70.16
1993	75.75
1994	76.81
1995	76.81
1996	75.46
1997	75.66
1998	75.16

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Concordia Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Concordia in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. MARTIN MILLS, INC.	\$19,539,210
2. CONCORDIA BANK & TRUST CO.	\$4,727,880
3. ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC.	\$2,429,550
4. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$2,112,640
5. ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA	\$1,943,400
6. CONCORDIA ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	\$1,050,340
7. BUNGE CORPORATIONS	\$1,026,110
8. LOUISIANA CENTRAL BANK	\$661,710
9. ANGELINA PROPERTIES, LLC	\$654,990
10. PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$485,560

Source: Concordia Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Concordia Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	4,209	4,004	4,038	4,007
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	4,524	4,336	4,301	4,275
PUBLIC	4,384	4,389	4,348	4,354

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Concordia Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$25,414	\$25,052	\$27,358	\$28,722
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,262	\$4,370	\$5,034	\$5,087
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$4,269	\$85,552	\$209,107	\$1,038,152
DEBT SERVICE	\$264,316	\$271,459	\$122,884	\$17
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$19,280,857	\$18,868,187	\$20,804,614	\$21,881,221

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.